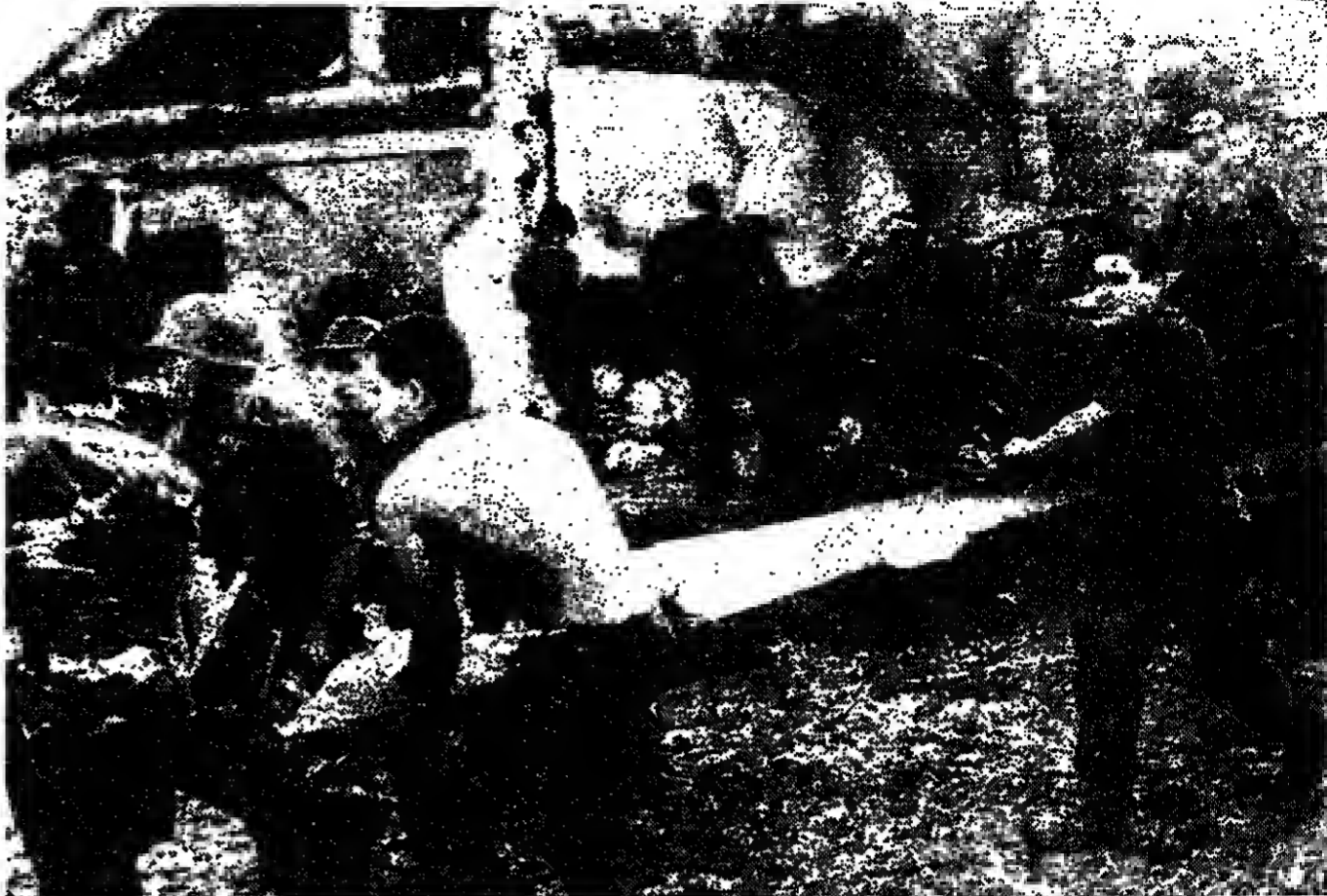


Two American jets shot down in retaliatory dawn attacks over Lebanon

Reagan threatens to stage more anti-Syria raids

From Nicholas Ashford, Washington... The Reagan Administration said it would carry out more retaliatory raids like yesterday's air strikes against Syrian positions in Lebanon...



Lebanese soldiers with wreckage from the American Corsair jet which crashed into a residential area, injuring six people.

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Homeless fears

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N Sea talks

Mr Peter Walker, the Secretary of State for Energy, will meet the United Arab Emirates petroleum minister, Dr Mana Said Otaliba, to discuss Middle East concern over North Sea output.

Managua offer

The decision of Nicaragua's Sandinista regime to hold elections in 1985 and offer an amnesty to US-backed insurgents poses a dilemma for the Reagan Administration.

Kremlin split

Differing statements in recent Soviet official publications indicate that the Kremlin leaders are divided on whether or not to return to the Geneva arms talks.

Polish arrests

Several people were arrested when Polish workers scuffled with militiamen while attempting to place a plaque at the Wajaski colliery in memory of miners killed by riot police two years ago.

Lloyd wins

Britain's John Lloyd caused the biggest surprise so far in the Australian Open tennis championships when he defeated the fourteenth seed, Steve Denton.

MPs split over House Buyers Bill

After several weeks of argument, Cabinet ministers remain in total disarray over how to handle the House Buyers Bill, promoted by Mr Austin Mitchell, Labour MP for Great Grimsby, which will be published today.

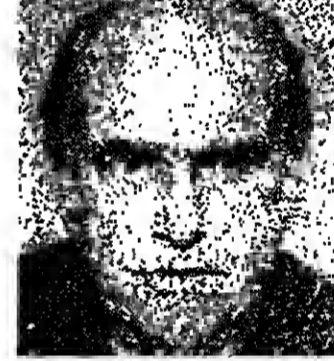
Table with 2 columns: House News, Overseas, Arts, Business, Chess, Court, Crowded, Diary, Events. Lists various news items and their page numbers.

SAS kills two in Ulster gun battle

Two men, believed to be members of the Provisional IRA, were shot dead yesterday in a gun battle when at least 50 shots were fired during a secret SAS operation in Northern Ireland.

Thatcher loses first round but battles on at summit

Mrs Thatcher lost the first round in the battle for EEC reform when the European summit got under way yesterday afternoon. She failed to persuade Mr Andreas Papandreu, the Greek Prime Minister...



Mr Papandreu: stuck to the agenda

Mr Papandreu insisted on working through the 26 page paper drawn up as a discussion document for the summit. In it, the budget is not mentioned until page 23, and then only to a form which Mrs Thatcher has given advance warning is "a very long way indeed from providing the basis of an agreement".

Despite losing the argument over the agenda, Mrs Thatcher remained "very determined to get a settlement", according to her spokesman. He said she had told the meeting that "we are not going to make a fudged compromise decision. She was out to get something that was durable".



One of the A6 Irotruders in the arms of his Syrian captor.

Israelis fear aggressive policy

Concern is mounting in Israel about the extent to which last week's controversial Washington summit between Mr Yitzhak Shamir, the Prime Minister, and President Reagan may have committed the right wing Likud Government to a new, ultra-aggressive military policy against the Syrian army in Lebanon.

CND plans cruise road blocks

The Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament agreed yesterday to blockade roads to prevent cruise missiles being deployed from Greenham Common air base in the event of heightened international tension.

Follow the Leader

Advertisement for Bell's Scotch Whisky. Includes a bottle image and text: 'Follow the Leader the quality scotch', 'ARTHUR BELL & SONS P.L.C. ESTABLISHED 1825 AND STILL AN INDEPENDENT COMPANY'.

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'Room for £1bn Budget tax cut'

By Peter Wilson-Smith, Banking Correspondent... However, Simoo & Coates say that higher taxation cannot be ruled out altogether, because the Chancellor may have pointed himself into an awkward corner.

Faslane investigation of £6m fuel theft

The Ministry of Defence and civilian police are investigating the theft of up to £6m worth of diesel fuel from the Royal Navy's Faslane submarine base on the Firth of Clyde.

'The launchers will be faced with blocks on every essential route'

CND plans to blockade roads against cruise deployment

The Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament agreed yesterday to intensify its action against cruise missiles by mounting blockades on essential service roads throughout Britain to prevent the missiles being deployed from the Greenham Common base.

From Pat Healy, Sheffield Women protesters at Greenham Common are distributing leaflets calling for help in creating a functioning resistance network to stop the launchers. "The overall effect of so many unpredictable blockades organized locally will show the Government of international tension."

Trident missile programme, to present the CND case for Britain leaving Nato as part of a policy for the mutual dissolution of Nato and the Warsaw Pact and to explain CND's opposition to all nuclear alliances, nuclear power and the bloc mentality.

MP appalled by security lapses at Greenham

Mr Michael McNair-Wilson, Conservative MP for Newbury, yesterday praised the Greenham Common women for showing up the "extraordinary inadequacy" of the security fence around the cruise missile base in Berkshire.

"The Greenham women are doing the ministry a good turn because they are showing it that this security fence is really extraordinarily inadequate," the MP said on the World This Weekend programme on BBC radio.

CND could find itself in conflict with employment legislation after the conference voted overwhelmingly to work closer with the trades unions. Its motion called for "effective industrial action against work connected with nuclear weapons."



Protest planners: Mr Mick Elliot, CND treasurer (left), with the general secretary, Mgr Bruce Kent, at the Sheffield conference.

Benn claim of bomb link

Mr Wedgwood Benn, the former Labour Secretary of State for Energy will tell the Sizewell-B Inquiry this week that plutonium from the Sellafield (formerly Windscale) nuclear reprocessing plant has been sold to the Americans to make nuclear arms.

He said: "It has now become totally clear from information provided to me that Windscale has been a bomb factory for the United States for a number of years. Our plutonium has been going to America for use in their nuclear weapons. You cannot separate nuclear weapons from nuclear power."

change foreign policy in Britain and to ensure the survival of the human race. He saw no scope for toning down its message.

Equal pay fight for Europe

The Equal Pay Act is failing, with the gap between average male and female earnings widening, a National Council for Civil Liberties report published today says.

Peace talks to start at Acas NGA settlement hopes improve

Hopes are high of a settlement in the Stockport Messenger dispute as talks start today between Mr Selim (Eddie) Shah, chairman of the newspaper group and the National Graphical Association (NGA).

which would employ the men. The negotiations will take place at the London offices of the Advisory Conciliation and Arbitration Service (Acas) in London.

Miners in clash on safety

The National Union of Mineworkers has clashed with nine other unions over its denunciation of safety measures and 'employees' rights in the nuclear industry.

Bond's 'flying flea' to join the Navy

James Bond-style autogyros (above) are going into service with the Royal Navy. The "flying fleas" which helped to smash Spectre in You Only Live Twice are to be carried on the back of new patrol boats.



Stubborn Smyslov stays in front

The sixth game of the Ribli-Smyslov match on Friday was a hard-fought Queen's Gambit Declined in which Smyslov employed a stubborn Slav defence, Schlechter variation.

White Ribli Black Smyslov QGD Slav Defence, Schlechter variation

Chess board diagram showing the position of pieces for White (Ribli) and Black (Smyslov) in a Queen's Gambit Declined Slav Defence variation.

Suicides and divorces rise in Wales

Suicides, divorces and bankruptcies are rising in recession-hit Wales, where unemployment is above the national average.

Scargill rejects truce offer in pit pay dispute

Mr Arthur Scargill rejected yesterday a suggestion by Mr Ian MacGregor, National Coal Board chairman, that there should be a Christmas truce in the pitmen's overtime ban.

Record figure for illegitimacy

The annual report of Sir Henry Yellowlee's Government's Chief Medical Officer, shows 89,900 illegitimate births in England last year, the highest figure recorded.

Gallery contest loser considers next legal move

One of the main losers in the National Gallery architecture competition said yesterday it might step up the legal battle over the estimated £2m cost of its unsuccessful entry.

Big Irish police hunt for McGlinchey

The Irish Republic's police were involved in one of their biggest security operations throughout the weekend as they hunted for Dominic McGlinchey and the kidnaped stores executive Mr Don Tiddy.

H-block officers unable to check gun smuggling

Prison authorities in Northern Ireland have reviewed security policies at the Maze prison near Belfast on the basis that guns and explosives will always probably be within the complex.

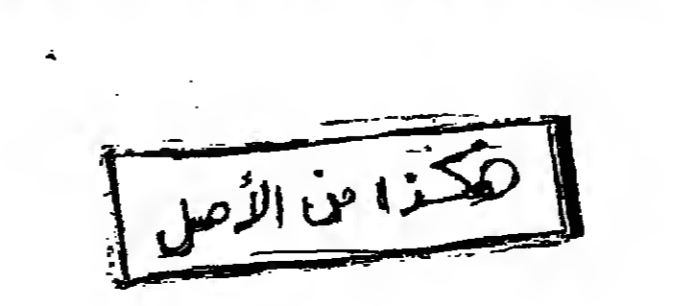
Overseas selling prices

Table listing overseas selling prices for various commodities including Australia, Canada, Denmark, Germany, Greece, Hong Kong, India, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, New Zealand, Norway, Singapore, South Africa, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, Thailand, and the UK.

Advertisement for Gulf Air featuring the text 'STOP PRESS. GULF AIR ARE ADDING SPECIAL HOLIDAY FLIGHTS TO THEIR SCHEDULE ON DECEMBER 14 AND DECEMBER 21. SO NOW WE HAVE PLENTY OF SPACE AVAILABLE. GET BACK TO THE GULF IN TIME FOR THE HOLIDAY. BOOK NOW.' and the Gulf Air logo with the slogan 'Spread your wings'.

Advertisement for speech therapy featuring the text 'Speech therapy' and a stylized logo.

Vertical text on the right edge of the page, including 'Insurance £26m g' and 'speech therap'.



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Insurance payments on £26m gold bullion raid almost completed

By Stewart Tendler, Crime Reporter

The largest settlement for a robbery in the history of British insurance will be completed within the next few days when the last cheques are paid out for the £26m gold bullion robbery 10 days ago.

A gang of between three and six made their way into Brinks-Mat's warehouse close to Heathrow airport on November 26 and stole three tons of gold bars, other gold and precious metals, diamonds and travellers' cheques. According to witnesses the haul disappeared south in an old van.

As the first insurance payment, of £17m, was made five days later, the insurance brokers denied the swift settlement reflected on the police inquiry. Indeed, with a £2m reward the prospects were "hopeful".

Privately the security industry and senior police officers are much more cautious. The £6.25m Security Express robbery last April is still unsolved nor have there been any arrests for a £6m jewellery robbery off Bond Street in June.

In the latest robbery there are reports that police are still not

certain how the robbers got into warehouse number seven on the Heathrow International Trading Estate.

When three armed men, their faces covered by balaclavas, appeared in the warehouse, at least one guard was making tea in the staff restroom at the back of the warehouse. Others of the total of six staff told police they were around the building.

When Commander Frank Cater, head of the Flying Squad, was asked by *The Times* if the staff might have left their posts and been gathered for tea, he said he could not comment on lines of inquiry.

Nor could he say whether exterior alarms for the warehouse had been turned off after the staff arrived for work.

The warehouse often holds gold bullion, but the load 10 days ago appears to have been very large and destined to be moved within hours.

But did the robbers have luck or judgment? If they broke in simply to take the gold, why bother to waste time taking the other valuables which were

worth a few hundred thousand pounds?

The answer is important. If the gold was the object of the robbery, then it is likely the gang already had a buyer for the 8,600 bars and the chances of the gold's recovery must now be slight. The other valuables could have been taken as a greedy whim.

But if the robbery was opportunistic, then it is likely the gold has been hidden somewhere until a buyer can be found. The risks for the gang are much higher and the hopes of the police much stronger.

The balance could be tipped by the reward and yet the £500,000 offered after the Security Express robbery proved ineffective. One very senior officer last week speculated that detectives could be dealing with a gang or gangs whose security was extremely good; criminals who have learnt the lessons of the past.

In the past week at least three psychics have approached Scotland Yard with offers of help and details have been recorded.



Vicar puts faith in the Devils

The Rev Peter Wadsworth, aged 31, jumped 2,000 feet with the Red Devils yesterday, in aid of his church's appeal fund.

The tower is crumbling at St Mary's, Farnham Royal, Berkshire, and its Norman chancel needs urgent repairs.

The vicar, above left seeking courage and then jumping, took the plunge at Aldershot, Hampshire, with five parishioners. Together they hope to raise at least £4,000 to do £13,800 collected already.

He said: "We need about another £9,000 to save the tower, but I think today has helped enormously although it hasn't done an awful lot for my nerves."

"The Red Devils were very helpful and I would love to do it again. It was enormous fun and I am just thankful I did not end up in the trees. I could not say whether I had any help from above or not."

Sellafield's poor publicity hits local fish sales

From Ronald Fax, Ravensglass

The publicity given to the Sellafield nuclear plant in Cumbria has severely affected the local fishing. The picture of contaminated fish and sea water presented by a Yorkshire Television documentary and the activities of Greenpeace have forced Mr Paul Pedersen, a Ravensglass fisherman, to lay up his boat temporarily. Cumbria normally sells fish caught in the Irish Sea on the beach.

"I have had seven customers in the last 10 days," he said.

Mr Pedersen supplies a fish shop in Cleator Moor run by his son but sales have fallen 75 per cent since the latest scare.

In Whitehaven, Mr Richard Dunning, head of one of the largest wholesale and retail fish merchants in the county, said: "Sales have dropped by half in the last three weeks. One shop has put a sign in the window saying 'no local fish sold here'."

About 70 per cent of the fish Mr Dunning handles are caught within 30 miles of the Cumbrian coast, by local boats and vessels from Northern Ireland. He does not believe the discharges from Sellafield harm fish or make them dangerous to eat, but during the past three

years he has complained regularly to the Government about discharges from other industrial complexes on the coast, which, he says, have done far more damage.

"They change the colour of the sea some days and between here and St Bees Head the sea bed is completely dead. Three years ago you could find big healthy lobsters there, now there is nothing."

Dr John Jago, who has been a general practitioner in the Seascale area for 17 years, lives at Drigg, near where nuclear waste from Sellafield is stored.

He said that while Seascale did record an abnormally high number of leukaemia deaths among children, the village at that time had probably four times the average number of children for a community of that size.

One Seascale resident summed up the problem thus: "Most people can grasp how gas and electricity works but nuclear power is full of bogymen they cannot comprehend. That makes them afraid or uncertain, particularly when some expert says it is unsafe."

Meantime, hoteliers gear for next year's trade.

Concern on cable TV costs

Future subscribers to cable television networks are likely to pay more for the service than would otherwise have been the case because the Government's approach is not liberal enough, the Institute for Fiscal Studies claims.

In an article published in the December issue of *Fiscal Studies* highlighting the British cable television policy the institute concludes: "The cable industry will be overcapitalized and is being asked to provide services that are potentially unremunerative... in order to cater for the Government's desire to have a national cable grid which can carry business data. This means higher subscription rates. Little control on the market power of cable operators, if it in fact does exist and, if the cost penalties of these requirements are too large, a reduction in the rate of cable expansion."

The Government's rigid criteria for selection of those to be awarded cable franchises have emphasized new technology and the provision of services, like tele-shopping and telebanking, and local data services, which are meant to "pay-back" on cable networks, which will be largely funded by entertainment channels. Only 11 of 37 applications have been awarded franchises and even those will be subject to the Home Office receiving certain assurances.

Five of the applications are in some sort of partnership with British Telecom.

Primary teachers untrained in science

By Lucy Hodges, Education Correspondent

Ninety per cent of primary school teachers have no science training and concentrate on teaching children to observe the world around them rather than undertake their own experiments, a survey published by the Department of Education and Science says.

The survey of pupils aged 11 carried out by the department's Assessment of Performance Unit in about 800 schools in England, Wales and Northern Ireland, showed that not one of the maintained primary schools had a laboratory and few had a special area designated for science.

Most schools spent less than £1 per pupil a year on science equipment. The English schools spent an average of 66p, Welsh schools 58p and those in Northern Ireland 37p. Of the 63 per cent of survey schools in Northern Ireland which provided a figure, a quarter said they have spent no money on science resources.

Two schools, both in Northern Ireland, said it was their school's policy not to teach science. The rest taught science as a specific part of the curriculum, as it arose or as a planned part of other topics. Science was a specified part of the curriculum in most of the middle and independent schools in England (about 80 per cent in each case), but in a much lower proportion of the primary schools (under half). However, more than 80 per cent of the schools of every type

Cuts 'put pupils in danger'

The biggest comprehensive school in the country has called in the school inspectors (HMIs) to inspect conditions which it says have deteriorated dangerously because of spending cuts.

The governors of Exmouth Community College, in Cummertree, Devon, have closed parts of the school which they consider unsafe. Netball and tennis courts are shut because broken wire netting has injured children.

Two swimming pools have been closed because of uneven paving, and dangerous gym equipment has been taken out of use.

Basically speaking, a computer whizzkid

By Our Education Correspondent

When Daniel Isaacman (right) was 13 he learnt to write his first computer program. When he was 16 he built his own Sinclair ZX81 microcomputer in an hour, wrote a program for it and sold it for £70.

Now, at the grand age of 18, he is the author of three books of computer games, the third of which is published by Sparrow Books and contains 18 games on which computer whizz-kids can sharpen their wits. The new book contains a section on the language of Basic, how to write your own program, and a glossary of instructions.

Designed for 10-year-olds upwards for use on some of the most widely used home computers, the BBC, Dragon, Electron, Vic and ZX81 and Spectrum, the game takes the computer fanatic into a variety of worlds.

Daniel Isaacman, now a first-year student of computer engineering at Manchester University, has had his interest in computers astoundingly directed by his father, Mr Gerry Isaacman, editor of the *Hampton and Highgate Express*. He bought his son his first Triton computer kit at the age



of 14 and introduced him to Osborne publishers, for whom he wrote his first books on space and battle games. The new book took him four months to compile during the year off between school and university. Computer Games, by Daniel Isaacman, (Sparrow Books, £1.50).

Watchdog calls for drug report

By Nicholas Timmins

The Committee on Safety of Medicines is to ask the drug manufacturer Ciba-Geigy for a copy of an internal report said to question the continued sale of two pain-killers which are alleged to have dangerous side-effects.

The committee is conducting a full review of phenylbutazone, sold by Ciba-Geigy as Butazolidin, an anti-inflammatory drug developed after the Second World War and used to treat rheumatism, arthritis and gout. The Department of Health said yesterday. It is also reviewing Transderin.

It had not yet received a report leaked to *The Sunday Times* in which company doctors are said to have called a year ago for a reassessment of the drugs, now that less toxic alternatives are available. According to *The Sunday Times*, 512 deaths have been associated with the 1964 and 1980.

Ciba-Geigy yesterday refused to answer questions on the report, but said "all relevant documentation" would be made available.

Speech therapy 'in broom cupboards'

By Pat Blair

Adults and children with speech handicaps are going untreated or are being referred too late to speech therapists who are themselves handicapped by poor accommodation and equipment, a survey published today discloses.

The report on conditions facing speech therapists in the National Health Service says that one in six has poor accommodation for clinics, one in nine has poor equipment and more than two out of five have unsatisfactory links with family doctors.

It gives instances including a speech therapist using her car as an office and some schools where "therapists were reluctantly 'fitted in' where and when possible, with corridors and broom cupboards not unusual."

One patient was reported to have been referred so late that

he died before his communication aids were provided. In another case, a teacher is quoted as not referring a child for speech therapy "because it was pointless to do so until he could talk".

The survey, to which 850 speech therapists responded, is published by Vocal, a newly registered charity which, with the help of a grant from the Department of Health and Social Security has brought together the College of Speech Therapists and more than 20 voluntary organizations. It aims to provide a single contact point for professionals and members of the public who need help with speech problems.

Vocal is pressing for speech therapy to reach all who need it. It says: "There is very real concern that some patients who never acquire or some who lose their power of speech and

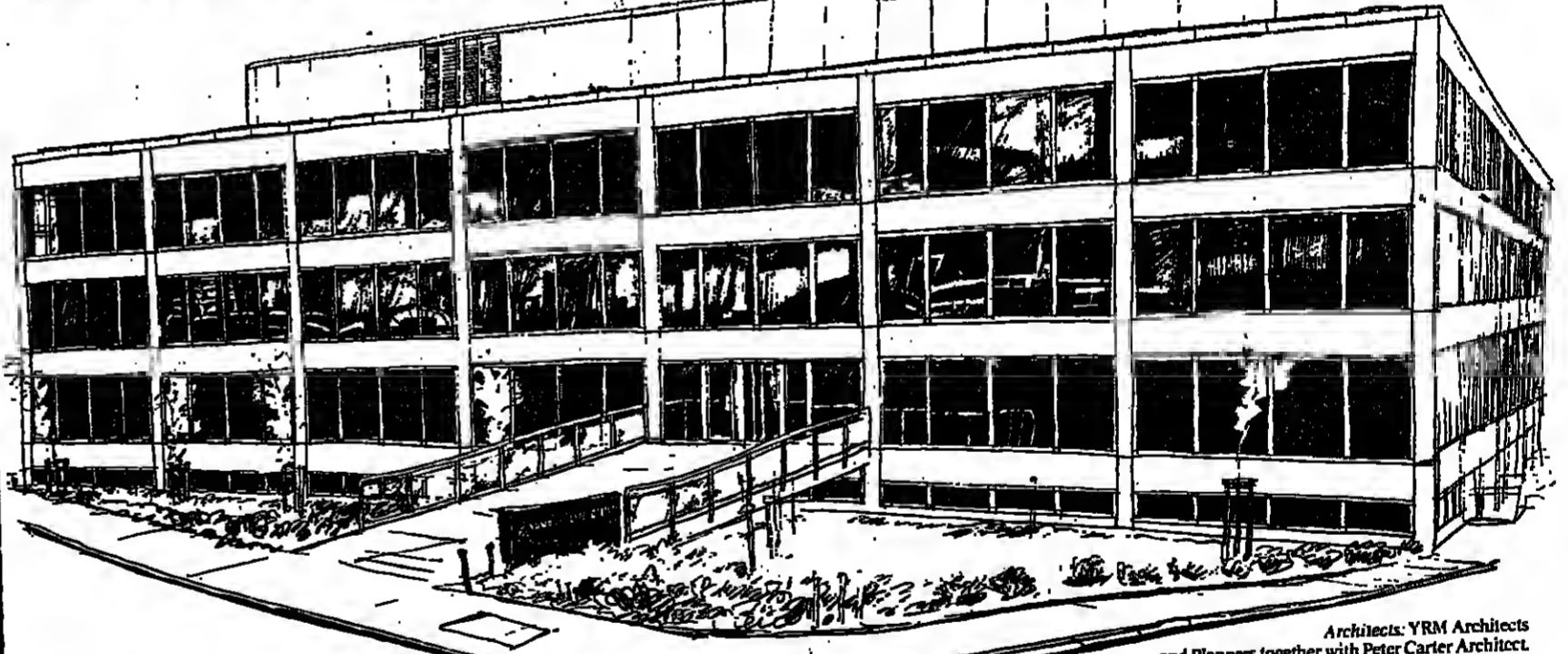
language are not offered the opportunity to improve their quality of life.

The report says that the growth in the number of charities providing help with speech problems is the direct result of the lack of NHS speech therapy services. "Among those who are in contact with these organizations are people of all ages who, having suffered a stroke or some other speech impairment, have never been referred for speech therapy of any kind", it says.

In the past 11 years, the demand for speech therapy has expanded, notably in the fields of mental handicap and geriatrics, the report says.

Report of a Survey on the Current Conditions and Needs of Speech Therapists in the National Health Service. (Vocal, South Western Hospital, St Peter's Office, Lander Road, London, SW9).

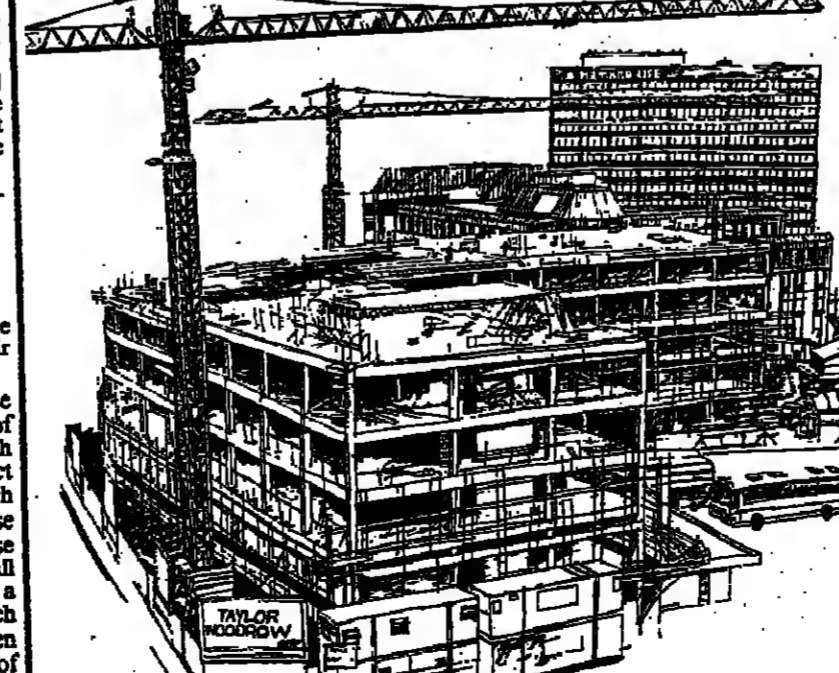
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Civil servants blunder on the big differences between district councils

By David Walker, Social Policy Correspondent Civil servants overseeing abolition of the metropolitan counties are apparently ignorant of the 12-year-old distinction between metropolitan district councils in the shire counties...

Jenkin lobbies Tory leaders

Mr Patrick Jenkin, Secretary of State for the Environment, has taken the unusual step of privately lobbying Conservative councillors in the metropolitan districts about the Government's plans to abolish the metropolitan counties.

Legal battle threat over health cuts

By a Staff Reporter Brent councillors in north London are likely to challenge in the courts any decisions to cut spending today by a meeting from which the public is to be barred.

Efficiency drive on public spending

By Our Social Policy Correspondent A college where the senior and principal lecturers teach four hours a week instead of the contracted maximum of 16, has been discovered by official auditors.

Mr Lawrence Serva, chairman of Brent social services committee, and a member of the authority, said the council would consider what action to take after the meeting had taken place.

Three killed in crash

Three Maidenhead Rugby Club players died in an accident in Oxfordshire on Saturday night as they returned from a match in Oxford.



Final trim: An exhibit being prepared for judging at the Royal Smithfield Show today (Photograph: John Manning).

Farming industry in show condition

The Royal Smithfield Show, the annual London showpiece of British farming, opened yesterday in the shadow of the EEC summit meeting in Athens which could change the whole direction and influence of the common agricultural policy.

Mr Robert Calder, managing director of International Harvester, said his company had made a profit last April for the first time in two and a half years and has since enjoyed several months in the black.

Visitors to the show had to run the gauntlet of a large and noisy group of vegetarians and animal welfare campaigners chanting "meat means murder".

The Northamptonshire bureaux are made up of education, probation and social workers and the police. If possible the young offenders are made to make restitution or are given a caution rather than having to go to court.

Plight of homeless single men

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Staff are not properly trained to resettle the men, she says, and repeated failures have caused depression, drinking and aggression among the staff, who believe the daily exercise of resettlement is "a waste of time, effort and money".

There is a high level of tolerance, there is little actual violence, and, more importantly, the men will stay there." But she added: "If the man does get as far as moving into a flat, he may do any of the following: sell the keys and rent book for drinking money and return to the unit; take in an abusive flat mate and leave to get away from the situation he has created; spend more time in hospital or jail than in the flat, or simply vanish, leaving the flat to vandals.

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The parish council at Sutton Bridge, Lincolnshire, intends to try to twin with a village in Scotland, Wales or even England after failing to find a community in Europe willing to establish links with it.

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Gongs signal new round of class war

The honours system brings out the best and worst in the British people. Nobody cavils at a posthumous George Medal for a bomb disposal expert or a British Empire Medal for a housekeeper or school dinner lady.



Sir Robert Armstrong: A passionate interest.

tributed to Conservative funds. When Labour is in power, venom is directed at trade unions "barons" - jowly-faced men who have done well out of the corporate state - knighted or ennobled on their way to quango appointments where they wield an allegedly pernicious influence.

Treasury official, who now serves as the Cabinet Office's Ceremonial Officer, and Miss Ruth Gardner, the font of all knowledge in the ceremonial section, who has been engaged on the task since the late 1940s.

Cambridge University awards

The following elections and awards have been made at Cambridge University: CONVILLE AND CURTIS COLLEGE: Honorary secretary: J. J. Mearns; Treasurer: J. J. Mearns; Secretary: J. J. Mearns...

Advertisement for British Telecom Radiopaging. Text: "Don't lose business because you can't be found. BLEEP To hear how British Telecom Radiopaging works, dial 100 and ask for Freefone Radiopaging."

Juveniles in jail at record level

England is jailing more children than ever before, police and welfare workers were told at a conference in Birmingham yesterday.

The three-day conference was called by Northamptonshire County Council to discuss ways of preventing juveniles from being taken to court. Juvenile bureaux in Wellingborough and Corby which pioneered an alternative system of dealing with young offenders, have halved the number going to court, the conference was told.

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The parish council at Sutton Bridge, Lincolnshire, intends to try to twin with a village in Scotland, Wales or even England after failing to find a community in Europe willing to establish links with it.

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6.3 Any application for repayment of a Bond must be made in writing to the Bonds and Stock Office, Blackpool, and accom-

panied by the investment certificate. The period of notice given by the Bondholder will be calculated from the date on which the application is received in the Bonds and Stock Office.

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Poland: The conflict goes on

Workers scuffle with militiamen over Wujek miners' memorial

From Roger Boyes, Warsaw

The memory of miners killed by riot-police soon after martial law... Some 500 workers, led by a delegation from the Gdansk shipyards, tried to place a commemorative plaque on the walls of the Wujek colliery...

traditional uniform and black military-style shakos, joined in the prayers for the strikers while three burly steelworkers stood guard over the priest in case the police tried again to summons him for interrogation...

He also bitterly criticized President Regan for his defence and sanctions policies. Nobel visa: Mrs Danuta Walesa and her son Bogdan have been given a passport to travel to Oslo to receive the Nobel peace prize...

Some independent Members of Parliament had agreed that passports should be freely issued, rather like identity cards or driving licences, to be used repeatedly and that Poles who prolonged their stay abroad should not be treated like criminals when they returned...

Draft Bill spells out passport curbs

From Our Own Correspondent, Warsaw

After years of discussion on how to liberalize Poland's passport laws, the authorities have come up with draft proposals that simply specify the reasons why Poles are not allowed to travel abroad.

to travel to the West and only four per cent were refused passports. But by 1982 the figure had dropped to 340,000, the result of martial law.

However, the new Bill, a copy of which was made available to The Times, catalogues the reasons why a Pole, does not provide for a right of appeal and if anything gives more powers to the issuing authorities.

US Army remains real power in Grenadian vacuum

From Trevor Fishlock, New York

The United States Army remains the power in the land in Grenada and is likely to be so well into next year. Although more than 1,000 troops will be withdrawn by Christmas, nearly 2,000 will stay behind as the island works its way through a period of political limbo.

only be filled slowly. For example, the island needs a police force and this cannot be built up quickly. Grenada radio reported at the weekend that the Police Commissioner had been dismissed and replaced by an officer from Barbados.



Oslo bound: Mrs Danuta Walesa showing off the passport she will use to collect her husband's Nobel prize.

Holidaymakers to use common European currency next summer

By Patricia Clough

Holidaymakers travelling on the Continent next summer will be able to pay their bills in a currency for which there are no coins or banknotes: the ECU.

in Europe, an American businessman, for instance, would be interested in handling only one currency rather than coping with many different ones," he said.

Vietnamese set for offensive in Cambodia

From Neil Kelly, Bangkok

South-East Asia is bracing itself for a new offensive by Vietnamese forces in Cambodia. Intelligence sources are reporting widespread preparation in western areas and the arrival of new supplies of Soviet tanks, other weapons and supplies.

South Koreans sink spy boat from the North

Seoul (AP) - South Korean forces have sunk a North Korean spy boat and captured two armed infiltrators after a gun battle near the southern port city of Pusan.

General Lee Ki-Baek, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said two armed agents were apprehended while swimming to shore on the outskirts of Pusan on Saturday night.

Malaysian party backs change in constitution

From M. G. G. Pillai, Kuala Lumpur

Malaysia's long-running political crisis moved forward a step at the weekend when Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, the Prime Minister, won the endorsement of his United Malays National Organization (UMNO).



Datuk Seri Mahathir: Slow progress towards reform

rulers said he would. But both are rounding up their supporters. UMNO has organized large crowds to meet Datuk Seri Mahathir as he tours the country to whip up support.

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Turkish Cypriot minister met with full honours in Bangladesh

From Michael Hamlyn Dhaka

The Foreign Minister of the self-proclaimed Turkish republic of Cyprus arrived in Bangladesh yesterday to take part in the Islamic foreign ministers conference due to open here tomorrow.

Mr Kemal Atakol was met with honours befitting the foreign minister of a fully independent republic. Bangladesh's Foreign Minister, Mr A. R. Shamsud Doha, greeted him at Zia International airport and he was led to a microphone to make a statement.

"We have come to get the support of the Muslim countries," Mr Atakol said. "We are ready to extend our peaceful hands to negotiate on equal terms to set up a bi-communal and bi-zonal federal republic."

The Turkish Cypriot community has always had observer status at Islamic conferences, and that is how they will start this one.

"They will have observer status again at least to begin with," said Mr Niaz A. Naik, the Pakistani Foreign Secretary.

The subject of the Turkish Cypriot Republic will be on the agenda of the conference.

Bangladesh and Malaysia may find themselves in a position of some embarrassment at the Islamic conference over the Turkish Cypriot Republic. They were both parties to the Commonwealth communiqué issued last week in Delhi, which rejected the UDI, and called on all members to refrain from recognizing them.

When I asked Lieutenant-General H. M. Ershad in Delhi whether he intended to recognize the secession, he neither confirmed nor denied it. He asked meaningfully: "Do you think they are going to give up their independence?"

The Bangladesh political opposition declared yesterday that they had no intention of disrupting the conference, but instead issued a warning to the conference to take no notice of what the Bangladesh delegation said. They described the regime as "Israeli stooges" and worse than that you cannot say in the present Islamic circumstances.

The opposition statement, issued by the 15 party coalition led by Sheikh Hasina Wajed, daughter of the assassinated Prime Minister Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, called for a general strike throughout the country on December 20, after the conference is safely over.

Machel turns to the West in hour of need

In the first of three articles on Mozambique, Stephen Taylor, recently in Maputo, explains why this socialist country is turning to the West.

MOZAMBIQUE Part 1

President Samora Machel, the latest of a string of African leaders whose Marxist principles have been tempered by the need to attract Western capital to a crippled economy, received an unusual letter just before setting off on his European tour in October. It came from a community of British Marxists in Mozambique and their appeal to the on-time revolutionary not to meet Mrs Thatcher suggested they were hurt by a betrayal.

It is questionable whether, as the protesters believe, the group of guerrilla commanders and idealistic intellectuals who led Mozambique to independence in 1975, have sold out their egalitarian commitment. Many would maintain that Frelimo's zeal has remained remarkably unimpaired.

What is beyond doubt, however, is that this sudden turn to the West from a traditional ally, the Soviet Union, is symptomatic of desperation over economic chaos, a drought which is killing thousands of peasants and a guerrilla war sponsored by South Africa. An informed Mozambican source says: "We are going through our worst crisis since independence."

There has been talk before about a fundamental policy change in Maputo but this time, diplomatic sources say,

the evidence is unmistakable. Three times refused admittance to Comecon (probably because Moscow cannot afford another expensive dependent like Cuba or Vietnam), Mozambique is now talking of joining the IMF and the Lomé pact with the EEC. Western governments are being asked for military assistance and Western investment is being courted.

Frelimo officials see President Machel's enthusiastic reception in Europe - particularly Britain and Portugal, the former colonial power where the scars of the Frelimo struggle could have been expected to run deep - as an important signal to South Africa, ultimately the principal factor in foreign-policy considerations.

A series of meetings over the past year between Mozambican and South African ministers has done little to ease mutual antagonism. Twice since May Frelimo has launched attacks on what it alleged were guerrilla bases of the African National Congress in Maputo. Although Frelimo has been assisting the ANC, correspondents taken to the scene of the attacks saw no evidence of guerrilla bases.

But the Mozambicans' main concern is that as South Africa is concerned, its support for the Mozambique resistance Movement (MNR) whose insurgency is crippling the nation and damaging other neighbouring states, notably Zimbabwe and Malawi.

Frelimo hopes that ultimately dialogue, and pressure from the West, will persuade Pretoria to restrain the MNR. Although officials will not admit as much, it is indicated



President Machel: Worst crisis since independence.

that it returns Mozambique would limit its help to the ANC.

Since the start of the thaw with the West, signalled by a visit by Mr Joaquim Chissano, the Foreign Minister, to New York a year ago, Washington has shown greater preparedness to condemn South African regional policy. After saboteurs blew up petrol storage tanks in Beira the Reagan Administration let it be known that

South Africa had been firmly informed there were limits beyond which destabilization would not be tolerated.

For its part, the United States Administration is clearly delighted to have gained the ear of one of the few statesmen capable of breaking the Namibia deadlock while at the same time scoring propaganda victory over the Soviet Union. For the time being however a congressional ban on aid to Mozambique remains in force.

For all the improvement in relations with the West, a big question mark must hang over the likelihood of significant investment being attracted in the short term. The cost of creating an infrastructure to exploit local resources would be enormous, road and rail networks are inadequate and the ports inefficient. Above all there is the war, inflicting all but one of the 10 provinces.

Valuable resources do undoubtedly exist. Mineral surveys, never carried out by the Portuguese, have disclosed the largest known reserves of tantalum, a high-value mineral used in space technology, pegmatites, huge coal reserves, natural gas and, probably oil.

Lack of statistical information on the economy has bothered both potential investors and the IMF and the Bank of Mozambique is working on a flow chart expected to be available in the new year. In the meantime informed opinion in Maputo puts the external debt at between \$1,100m and \$1,200m. Until recently Mozambique nevertheless had a good credit rating but since February it has defaulted on a number of loans.

Tomorrow: The guerrilla war

Obote loses two top men in air crash

From Charles Harrison Nairobi

The Chief-of-Staff of the Uganda Army, Major-General David Oyite-Ojok, died in a helicopter crash 100 miles north of Kampala at the weekend.

The Uganda Air Force Commander, Lieutenant-Colonel Alfred Otoo, was among another eight Ugandans killed when the army helicopter nosedived and crashed soon after refuelling at an army camp.

The Major-General, aged 49, an second most senior officer in the Ugandan Army, was a prominent political figure. He was a fellow-tribesman of President Milton Obote, and in addition to his army duties held the key post of chairman of the coffee marketing board. Coffee is Uganda's main export, accounting for almost all the country's export earnings.

The Ugandan authorities quickly denied claims by a guerrilla organization, the National Resistance Army, to have shot down the helicopter, and there appears to be no substance in the NRA's claim.

The crash occurred after dark on Friday night, when Major-General Oyite-Ojok and his party were returning to Kampala after visiting army units in northern Uganda. They stopped at Kasazi, an army post near Masindi, to refuel, and the helicopter crashed in flames, killing all on board, within a few seconds of taking off.

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Namibian independence

Why US insists on Angola linkage

From Nicholas Ashford, Washington

"We have the whole package on the table, with everything on it but the ribbon," remarked Dr Chester Crocker, Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs, over lunch the other day, referring to the six-year negotiations on the independence of Namibia (South West Africa).

The ribbon to which he was referring is American insistence that withdrawal of South African forces from Namibia under the UN settlement plan for the disputed territory should be accompanied by a parallel withdrawal of Cuban troops from neighbouring Angola.

This question of linkage has been holding up agreement for the best part of a year. Dr Crocker conceded there had been no progress at all for the past three months.

He said the delay had been caused by increased tension in the region, referring to South African attacks against Angola and a spreading of the civil war in that country. "The level of violence had gotten everybody frightened, so there has been a delay."

Dr Crocker was almost disdainfully dismissive of the criticism the Commonwealth summit meeting in Delhi levelled at the US because of its insistence on linkage.

We said the US regarded the Commonwealth as a "kind of gentleman's version of the (UN) General Assembly", implying that it produced little but hot air.

Its rejection of linkage was so different than having the General Assembly reject linkage. "If the Commonwealth has a solution to the Namibian problem, let them do it."

Britain, which is a member of the five-nation Western contact group on Namibia, was a signatory to the Commonwealth communiqué in which the criticism of the US was made. This did not seem to worry Dr Crocker, who predicted that Britain and the other members of the contact group (France, West Germany, Canada and the US) "will be on board when our ship gets into port."

He made it clear that only linkage was delaying agreement on the UN settlement plan. "There are no more Namibian issues left to be resolved." He was confident there would eventually be a successful outcome.



Dr Crocker: Criticism by Commonwealth rejected

Lee Kuan Yew criticizes Delhi summit

Singapore (AP) - Mr Lee Kuan Yew the Prime Minister of Singapore believes last week's meeting of Commonwealth leaders in Delhi was an exercise in watered down positions and fudged meanings rendered to reach a consensus statement.

He made the comments at a meeting with five Singapore newspaper editors on Friday, and they were published yesterday.

Mr Lee said many of the 44 leaders did not say what they had in their minds or hearts but spoke to make the most impact on delegates to add words or phrases to the communiqué.

"One painful price that has to be paid for an agreed communiqué is the endless arguing and compromising, then debating, manoeuvring and again compromising."

Liberals sweep Northern Territory poll

From Our Correspondent Melbourne

The Country Liberal Party, led by Mr Paul Everingham, The Chief Minister, has won a landslide victory in the Northern Territory election.

A swing of 12 per cent to the ruling party means that it will have at least 19 seats in the 25-seat House of Assembly, with the balance going to the Labour Party. The final result of Saturday's poll will not be known for some days.

Mr Andrew Peacock, the Federal opposition leader, said the Northern Territory result was a mauling for Mr Bob Hawke's federal Government.

Mr Hawke congratulated Mr Everingham but said Canberra still retained the support of the Northern Territory.

Zimbabwe investigates Muzorewa abroad

From Our Correspondent, Harare

Bishop Abel Muzorewa, who is being held in detention in Zimbabwe, has not been charged with a crime because investigations of his allegedly subversive activities are not complete, the Minister of State Security, Mr Emerson Munangagwa, told MPs here.

In reply to questions from MPs of both the white Republican Front and the bishop's United African National Council (UANC), Mr Munangagwa said inquiries were in progress in several foreign countries.

Bishop Muzorewa was first detained on October 31 for making "derogatory statements about Zimbabwe" while on a tour of Israel. Government counsel subsequently admitted there were "irregularities" in that detention notice and

withdrew it, but immediately issued a new order detaining the bishop as a potential danger to public order and safety. Mr Mugabe has accused him of conspiring against Zimbabwe with Israel and South Africa.

TEL AVIV: Bishop Muzorewa spent five weeks in the Holy Land during the autumn, but the Israeli Government became aware of his presence only three days before his departure on October 23, according to Dr James Flemming, Director of the Jerusalem Centre for Biblical Studies in the old city of Jerusalem (Moshe Britan writes).

Bishop Muzorewa had been totally absorbed in studies and tours relating to the life of Jesus and had had no time for politics, Dr Flemming added.

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THE ARTS

Picking out the strengths of a 'timeless' Requiem

The War Requiem will last at least until we have another war. A work that Stravinsky chose to copy in his own requiem a few years later cannot be entirely without interest, and now it has an excellent new recording that goes for its strengths directly and unerringly.

Of course, nobody could fail to notice that the character of the piece springs from its confrontation of the Latin liturgy with the poetry of Wilfred Owen, but Simon Rattle makes the friction work more productively than ever before in my experience.

Both recordings enjoy magnificent playing, from the London Philharmonic Orchestra for Mr Tennstedt and the Chicago Symphony for Sir Georg, who also has the benefit of Helga Dernesch as soloist.



Benjamin Britten: Liturgy confronts poetry in War Requiem

Classical records of the month

Excelling the classic

Michel Plasseo and his forces from Toulouse have produced for EMI a steady flow of Offenbach operetta characterised by their feel for true French style in the handling of both words and music.

Verdi's Ernani is no better represented in the catalogue than Manon. The most remarkable element about this month's new recording (EMI again) is that it sounds as good as it does.

Luca Ronconi. That fortunately is out of sight but not out of earshot and a great deal of tramping about on stage disfigures the recording.

Four hands make bright work

When Liszt transcribed and recreated the work of others, he celebrated the composer concerned and the piano itself - for him both mikrokosmos and makrokosmos.

Authority and flair those which have now been deleted. Even if it leads him to overpoint some of Liszt's harmonic and figural glosses at times, it is Bolet's understanding and sheer joy in both creating and recreator here that rings out of the groove.

Chopin: Piano Concerto No 2 Ivo Pogorelich/Chicago Symphony Orchestra/Claudio Abbado. DG 410 507-1

Mendelssohn: Piano Concertos Nos 1 and 2 Andras Schiff/Bavarian Radio Symphony Orchestra/Charles Dutoit. Decca SXL 7823

Passion as the palace tumbles

It is good to have, at last, a complete recording of Gluck's Armide - incredible that it should have eluded the record catalogue for so long - and it is especially welcome that this new version should preserve the enterprising stage performances given at the 1982 Spinnfields Festival.

Gluck's Armide Felicity Palmer, Anthony Rolfe Johnson, Raimund Herincx, Linda Finnis, Sally Burgess, Marie Storch/Richard Hickox Singers/City of London Sinfonia/Richard Hickox. EMI SLS 1077513 (3 records)

Orchestra and chorus are smoothly efficient, and Richard Hickox's direction sustains a high level of shapeliness, but I often felt the need for sharper characterization: as Armide's palace tumbles about her in the great final scene, Palmer is impassioned but the accompaniment is merely strenuous.

Publishing Food for thought

One of the sporadic things about best-seller lists is that you have usually heard of the authors or their books. Take, for a particular reason, the Sunday Times list for March 15, 1981.

temper broke." The Binns mortgaged their house in Amersham, and he learned to become a publisher.

Only a fool or a fanatic, you might think, would listen to six Bach cantatas in succession. Yet hundreds do it annually, and did so again when Paul Steinitz brought the complete Christmas Oratorio to the Festival Hall on Saturday.

many other players seemed less secure. Dr Steinitz's vivid conducting occasionally seemed to cause them problems in discerning the speed of movements, and a few sections veered uselessly in the opening bars before settling down.

at being helpful, these were classified under such headings as Bagatelles and Epigrams. By an annoying paradox, however, the excessive variety led to a feeling of monotony.

E. J. Craddock

Anthony Masters

Max Harrison

Nicholas Kenyon

Television Comrades in laughter

Struggle (Channel 4) was interesting principally for offering further proof that political radicalism is now associated in the public mind with unorthodox sexuality - "Gays Against Cruise" and "Transvestites Against the Cuts" were two of the banners unfurled to last night's comedy on the theme of "sexism" (in fact, most homosexuals and transvestites are extremely conservative people).

It seems that the radical left can now safely be considered as figures of fun - they themselves might protest at the "establishment" prejudice embodied in such an approach, although conservatives might also complain that dangerous elements in our society are being rendered cosy and even respectable in the process.

"clips" about which he was so disparaging. "There's nothing new about me," was one of the first lines in Cannon & Ball (LWT), and indeed there isn't. The diminutive figure of Bobby Ball, spirited but anxious, perpetually cheerful and yet sometimes distracted to the point of agony, comes straight out of music hall.

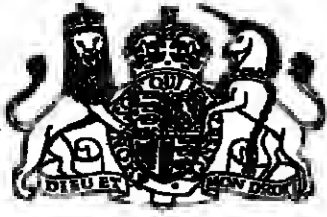
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BUCKINGHAM PALACE December 3: By command of the Queen, the Lord Lucas of Chilworth...

Forthcoming marriages

Mr G. A. Henderson and Miss J. V. Baring The engagement is announced between...

Marriages

Ms M. T. Waterhouse and Miss L. Hastings The marriage took place on Saturday...

Divide of public faith and private hobby

By Clifford Longley, Religious Affairs Correspondent

Cardinal Basil Hume said recently: "Since the Enlightenment every effort has been made to push religion to the margins of society..."

more a salute to history than to reality. The Archbishop of York's enthronement sermon is a quite radical challenge to those settled conventions...

OBITUARY MR ARTHUR WILLIS Prominent quantity surveyor

Mr Arthur J. Willis, FRICS, who died on November 26 at the age of 88, was a well-known figure in the quantity surveying world...

Birthdays

Lord Chalfont, 64; Miss Lucie Clayton, 55; Sir William Downes, 71; Miss Lady Easton...

Christening

The infant son of Mr Edward and Lady Henrietta St George was christened Henry Edward Hugh at St Michael's, Chester Square...

Dinner

The annual Chanukah dinner of the Macabees was held at the London Press Centre last night...

Inner Temple

Lord Rawlinson of Ewell, QC, has been elected treasurer for 1984, and Judge Sir William Stubb, QC, has been elected reader.

Gray's Inn

Mr Justice Michael Hutchison has been elected a Master of the Bench of Gray's Inn.

Latest appointments

Dr David Hargreaves, aged 44, reader in education at Oxford University, to be chief inspector for the Inner London Education Authority...



Favourite's return: Hnacio Gantierrez, the Cuban-American pianist, practising for his recital at the Queen Elizabeth Hall, London, tonight...

Science report Fighting for imagined pollutants

Not all man-made substances are necessarily pollutants; those who would protect the environment should remember that. That is the position of Dow Corning...

Valiant for Truth

The 1983 Valiant for Truth Medal Award will be presented to Mrs E. F. Schumacher, in memory of her late husband, Dr E. F. Schumacher...

Appointments in the Forces

Royal Navy CAPTAINS: J. Burgess to be promoted Rear-Admiral on January 9...

Legal

Judge Perks and Mr David Graham, QC, to be members of the Insolvency Rules Advisory Committee...

MR HERMAN WEINBERG

Herman G. Weinberg, the American cinema historian and translator, died in Manhattan on November 7 at the age of 75...

MR ALAN WINNINGTON

Mr Alan Winnington, who died in East Germany on November 26 at the age of 73, was a foreign correspondent of the Morning Star...

MISS CICELY GREIG

Miss Cicely Greig, who died on November 23 was a close associate and friend of Dame Ivy Compton-Burnett...

Hillery sworn in

Dr Patrick Hillery, aged 60, began a second seven-year term as President of the Republic of Ireland on Saturday...

Middle Temple

The following awards are made: Commemorative law prize A. T. Barrow...

Parliament this week

Government: Today (Dec 5): Bill and Order in Council on the Environment (Improvement of the Agricultural Land) Bill...

Sotheby's Forthcoming Sales. If you are thinking of selling, some of our specialized sales are listed below. To allow time for the worldwide distribution of our catalogues...

RAF COMMISSIONERS: A. Saunders to Chief Staff Superintendent. N. C. M. H. ... The following forces appointments are held over from last week...



FINANCE AND INDUSTRY Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

Insurance companies - eagles or sitting ducks?

Whether Allianz or BAT takes Eagle Star, the takeover itself, and the thought that others might follow, will have lasting repercussions on the British insurance industry.

Insurance accounts are fiendishly complex and hitherto most companies have felt smugly self-satisfied that this was so.

Two series of figures are basic to insurance share valuations: the trend of earnings, which takes account both of underwriting performance and income from investing premiums.

Allianz Versicherungs is expected to announce this morning whether it will increase its takeover bid for Eagle Star, Britain's sixth largest insurer.

The Cable & Wireless inquest

Meanwhile, the inquest into the Cable & Wireless share sale will resume today in Whitehall and the City, where a what went wrong, is a serious issue.

Mr Ernest Potter, Cable & Wireless's finance director, will also be called on to account for his eve-of-the-issuance Thursday lunch at the brokers Scrimgeour Kemp-Gee.

Electricity prices 'can be pegged'

The Electricity Council is to confirm soon that it can meet new Government-imposed financial targets without a price rise for domestic and industrial consumers.

The Council has been able to absorb the additional financial burden because of improved efficiency. However, a 5 per cent increase in gas prices by British Gas is still likely early in the new year.

New York's Citibank was rated the country's best-managed bank in a survey of more than 2,000 leading US bankers.

US shipments of manufacturing goods in October declined for the first time since the 0.8 per cent decrease July and for only the second time this year.

grow rapidly, an insurance company can begin to look undercapitalized and because earnings in relation to net assets are falling the company's performance seems to be deteriorating.

In addition to net worth, insurance companies need to bring into the light of day the value of their life business (Eagle Star alone had put a published figure on its life business - a nominal £100,000) and also stress the goodwill factor.

Money targets the next issue

Mr Christopher Johnson, the economics adviser to Lloyds Bank, is the latest to wade bravely into the argument about the financial and market effects of the Government's stepped-up privatization campaign.

This will be possible, he argues, only if the financial institutions reverse their increasing preference for overseas shares, and if overseas buyers also come in to buy the issues.

Mr Johnson's conclusion is that the Government should relax its targets for monetary growth by 1 per cent next financial year to accommodate the effects of privatization.

Stamp duty 'should be simplified'

The amount raised from stamp duty on residential property has quadrupled in real terms over the past decade. But the tax is a bad one and should be greatly simplified, according to an article in the latest issue of Fiscal Studies.

The author, Mr John Hills, says stamp duty is peculiarly distorting because it is unrelated to the value added, profits, incomes or gains involved in the transaction.

Airlines will break even by 1985, study says

The world's airlines will have fought their way back to breakeven by 1985, even allowing for interest payments. That is the latest forecast from the International Air Transport Association.

Britain sends note on eve of US inquiry

President Reagan's Commission on Unitary Taxation meets tomorrow to take the first in a series of decisions on ways to resolve the complicated tax problem angering foreign governments and multinational corporations.

Opec to protest about rise in North Sea output

By David Young, Energy Correspondent

Britain is being reluctantly drawn into this week's meeting of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (Opec).

The British National Oil Company (BNOC), which sets the official market price of North Sea crude, is under pressure from the companies operating in the North Sea to cut prices from the official \$30 a barrel.

By Jonathan Davis, Financial Correspondent

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Oil glut hit gas prices

Producers of gas for industry are being forced to moderate or abandon price increases because of the present world glut of oil, according to National Utility Services.

IMF chief urges new debt deal

Debt repayments of developing countries should be linked to the level of their export earnings, according to M de Groot, an executive director of the International Monetary Fund.

Unitary tax 'invites retaliation'

Secretary of the note followed a personal protest by the Prime Minister, Mrs Thatcher, in a meeting with President Reagan.

Government sets £10m target for NCB asset privatization

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ICL to answer secret report on problems

Management at ICL, Britain's biggest computer manufacturer, is expected to answer today reports that its profit recovery is being threatened by problems to a number of its key business areas.

Pasta battle starts over state aid

A plan to rescue with public money three ailing macaroni makers in the south of Italy, M Padula and Manfredo di Matera and Leone di Cosentino, is being opposed by private pasta companies.

Steel users lobby for investment

Britain's steel-using industries have joined the growing lobby seeking a government stimulus for large capital projects. There is an urgent need, they say, to reverse the 34 per cent decline since 1979 in manufacturing, construction, transport and government non-housing investment.

Trafalgar confident

Trafalgar House will produce its annual figures on Thursday and analysts expect pretax profits to be up from £65.6m last year by at least £10m.

The forecasts were made in Trafalgar House's offer document for this year. The Monopolies and Mergers Commission is Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation scheduled to complete its investigation of the takeover bid on December 22.

STOCK EXCHANGES

FT Index 741.3 up 0.2 FT All Shares 459.98 up 1.5 Bargains 19,915 Datastream USM Leaders Index: 96.91 up 0.29

CURRENCIES

LONDON CLOSE Sterling down 0.0010 Index 82.9 unchanged DM 3.9515 up .0090

GOLD

NEW YORK CLOSE Sterling \$1.4590 Dollar DM 2.7150 New York (close): \$398

BOARD MEETINGS

TODAY - Interims: Atkins Bros, Birmingham Mint, Bremner Browne, Caledonia Industries, Control Securities, Erskine House, Ferranti, FKI Elec, Hocking Pentecost, Klee-E-Z, Lynton, Merrydown Wine, Alfred Prody, R.W. Tothill, Vinter, Wagon Industrial, Finales: Charles Baynes, Matthew Brown, Dublin, TOMORROW - Interims: Butterfield-Harvey, Carless Capel and Leonard, Condie, Farnick, Gar Products, N Brown Investments, Rowlinson Securities, United Leasing, Finales: Archimedes Invest, Baggeridge Brick, City Site Estates, Greenall Whitely, Leeds Group, RHM, Trafalgar House, Fred Cooper, Metames, WEDNESDAY - Interims: Assoc Brit Engineering, Brathwaite, Crystallia, Dentford, D Dixon, Equity Consort Investment, Greycoat City Offices, Hall (Heththaw), Hampton Trust, Latham James, H Peglar, Phoenix Assurance, Phillips Lamps, Pillington, Property and Reversionary Investments, Zambia Mines, Finales: Avon Rubber, Devenish (JA), Hanson Trust, Hardanger Properties, Keystone Investments, Wolverhampton and Dudley, THURSDAY - Interims: British and American Film, British Building and Engine Appliances, British Tar Products, N Brown Investments, Crosby Woodfield, Lannons, London and Midland Industries, Mitchell Somers, Vectis Stone (2nd gr), Welman, Finales: Bass, BOC, Brierley, Brown Investments, Jantique, Romex Tea, Russell (Alex), Saitoh and Saguchi, Sildaw, Spayhawk, Stenhouse, Williamson 1983, FRIDAY - Interims: John Booth (Retail), Graham Mills, Longton Industries, Marling Industries, Triefus, Woodhead (Jonas) & Sons, Finales: Carr's Milling, Lake Elliott, Reliant Motor.

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(Current market price multiplied by the number of shares in issue for the stock quoted)

Main stock market table with columns for Stock, Price, Change, Volume, and Capitalization. Includes sub-sections for BRITISH FUNDS, MEDICINES, LORNS, COMMONWEALTH AND FOREIGN, LOCAL AUTHORITIES, BANKS AND DISCOUNTS, BREWERIES AND DISTILLERIES, and COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL.

Table of BANKS AND DISCOUNTS listing various banks and their market performance.

COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL section containing news articles such as 'Hanson profit likely to bounce over £75m' and 'Sterling will remain nervous'.

THE WEEK AHEAD section providing a forecast for the coming week, including economic views and market trends.

STERLING WILL REMAIN NERVOUS section discussing the stability of the pound sterling and its impact on the market.

ECONOMIC VIEW section offering broader economic perspectives and analysis of current market conditions.



INVESTORS' NOTEBOOK • USM REVIEW

Market seen as success despite high-rating fears

The USM has been a considerable success and has a secure future, according to a report from Spicer & Pegler, the chartered accountants.

Memcom to seek listing again

If at first you do not, try, try again - seems to be the motto at Memcom International after the Stock Exchange's refusal to allow the shares a quoted on the Unlisted Securities Market this year.

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Unlisted Securities

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actual tax charge seems undemanding. The directors are selling 360,000 existing shares with the rest made up of newly-issued shares.

WEARWELL P.L.C. Preliminary Results for the financial period from 4th September 1982 to 3rd September 1983. Table showing turnover, profit before tax, profit after tax, etc.

Aid 'to be linked with jobs' Future forms of regional aid from central government will be more closely related to unemployment, says the Chancellor, Mr Nigel Lawson.

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Markets contradict official euphoria

The Administration was sounding euphoric about the economic situation by the end of last week. Unemployment fell sharply again last month to 8.2 per cent from 8.7 per cent in October.

Stocks set a record in the week before last but last week they lost more than points on the Dow Jones Industrial average, most of that loss occurring on Friday.

Some administration officials have already complained publicly about the freeze on money growth.

EUROBOND PRICES Table listing various Eurobonds and their prices.

FIXED-INTEREST STOCKS Table listing various fixed-interest stocks and their prices.

Extract from the Chairman's Statement: "The Company has achieved another good year with pre-tax profits rising by 26.7% over those recorded last year."

Offshore and International Funds Table listing various offshore and international funds.

APPOINTMENTS Post Office: Mr John Kibble, chairman of North Western Postal Board, is to move to Post Office headquarters in London to be director of organization development.

Money Market Deposits for Companies and Private Investors. Average Rate Scheme offers competitive interest rate, short notice repayment, quarterly interest, deposits £5,000 to £250,000.

VG INSTRUMENTS PLC Offer for Sale by Tender by N.M. Rothschild & Sons Limited. 12,500,000 ordinary shares of 10p each at a minimum price of 130p per share.

ABRIDGED PARTICULARS Table listing various companies and their details.

Anticommunist Union Ministers (in liquidation) NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS. The shareholders are invited to attend the Annual General Meeting which will take place on 15th December 1983.

Base Lending Rates Table listing various banks and their lending rates.

AGENCY Mr Colin Chidles, at present controller of mail operations in the London Postal Region, Mr Ian Barr, at present director of the Post Office Estates Executive, will become chairman of the Scottish Postal Board in succession to Mr G. H. G. Tilling, who is retiring.

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Lloyd in last 16 after his surprise defeat of Denton

Melbourne (Reuters) - John Lloyd caused the biggest upset of the Australian Open men's singles...

committed now than he had been for a long time. Of his coming clash with Krick...

Australian, Elizabeth Sayers, and she plays the South African No. 1 Rosalyn Fairbank.



Lloyd: fighting talk

The British Davis Cup player however the seedings in the United States Open in September to make...

The top two seeds, Ivan Lendl and John McEnroe, moved closer to the final in which they are seeded...

SECOND ROUND: W Tumbal (Aus) vs L Forood (US), 6-3, 6-2, J Duce (GB) vs C...

WOMEN'S SINGLES SECOND ROUND: W Tumbal (Aus) vs L Forood (US), 6-3, 6-2, J Duce (GB) vs C...

Buoyant Ballesteros

Sun City, South Africa. (Reuters) - Severiano Ballesteros, of Spain, won the Sun City golf challenge by five strokes yesterday...

Reward for Dittmar

Chris Dittmar, the Nottingham-based Australian, the world No. 13, and the only left-hander in top squash...

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Weekend football and rugby results

Grid of football and rugby results tables for various leagues including First division, Second division, Third division, etc.

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FOOTBALL: WATFORD BOUNCE BACK, ARSENAL DO NOT

Neill has to face the music as the North Bank sings an ugly song

By Stuart Jones Football Correspondent

Arsenal West Bromwich Albion

The North Bank's demonstration might have been a satirical Christmas sketch. By the light of Highbury's lanterns, the masses chanted outside the front door not to sing carols but to air their disenchantment...



West Brom on top: Thompson gets above Adams

Neill was pleased with his sides commitment. He said there was an inevitable lack of coordination because of changes. Our central defenders met each other only a couple of days ago.

Watford new firm not for export

By Clive White

Wolverhampton Wanderers

It was like stealing sweets from children at Molineux on Saturday when Watford robbed Wolverhampton Wanderers of their last ounce of self respect.

Johnston: machine gun treble

Johnston's treble came quickly in the space of eight minutes in only his third game. The marksmanship which made him the Scottish first division's leading scorer...

Davis in a tooth and claw battle

By Sydney Friskin

At about 4 o'clock on Saturday afternoon Alex Higgins looked a beaten man. He was seven frames behind Steve Davis, the world champion, in the final of the Coral United Kingdom Championship...

SNOOKER: STORMY PAST, ROMANTIC REVIVAL



The agony but little ecstasy as the wraith-like Davis watches his tormentor, Higgins

achieved on Saturday made a break of 37 to win the next frame and the one after, this time with a break of 48, to lead 10-8.

again on the spot, and then calmly dispatched the colours one by one to reduce the lead to 10-9. At the end of three more frames and with still nine to go the match was all square.

Strange calm in eye of the Hurricane

The nickname Hurricane could be said to apply as much to anything to Alex Higgins' play away from the snooker table. His extraordinary revival from seven frames behind at the opening of the United Kingdom Championship...

When Higgins pulled back to 3-7 with a break of 76, Davis missing a couple of reds, the Londoner still had a trace of a smile as he rolled his eyeballs with a fraction of annoyance.

RUGBY LEAGUE Britain's record rout

By Keith Macklin

In what was very much a high kicked affair, the British side, coached by Ian McGee, made a comprehensive record rout of the French side...

IN BRIEF Seko times it right

Toshiko Seko of Japan passed Jim Phillips of England in the final 100 metres to win the Fukuoka Grand Prix...

Table containing various sports news items, fixtures, and results including: BOXING, ROLLER HOCKEY, TABLE TENNIS, CROSS-COUNTRY, BADMINTON, WOLLEYBALL, SCOTTISH LEAGUE, BOWLS, TENNIS, RIFLE SHOOTING, GOLF, and LACROSSE.

Cemic have the ideal rebound

The goalkeeper, Aberdeen's Willie Gibson, has shown a magnificent rebound after a penalty, while Chelsea took advantage of a momentary defensive slip to beat Brighton...

The jet-pack man and the jewelled minute

West Ham, whose attacking class you suggested they did not possess, they could lose, acquired a couple of minutes of extra time...

Thijsen saves Forest's place

Forest's place in the First Division was saved by the performance of Thijssen in the final minutes of the match...

Stem test awaits Williams

Derwyn Williams, at 24 one of the youngest managers in the country, faces the sternest test of his short career over the next month...

TODAY'S FIXTURES

Table listing football fixtures for today, including Chelsea vs Manchester City, Arsenal vs West Bromwich Albion, and Watford vs Wolverhampton Wanderers.

City win by a smile as rivals falter

By Vince Wright points. This was one of those occasions City were panned in their own half for long periods but escaped punishment because Chelsea's touch deserted them in front of goal...

RUGBY UNION

Rossllyn Park apply brake to unbeaten run by Wasps

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

WASPS 15-10 ROSSLYN PARK 19
There are obviously hazards in playing a game of rugby with those of England's leading club sides...

For that reason alone the heart did its best to will Park to a win while the head suggested that Wasps ought to have won because they should have had the confidence to play a wider game...



Stringer: on the ball three times out of six

Morley pay penalty for missing kicks

By Nicholas Keith
West Hartlepool, the outstanding outsiders in the John Player Cup last season, beat Morley by only a short head in the second round on Saturday...

New Zealand plan World Cup

Wellington (Reuters) - New Zealand plan to promote a rugby union World Cup, despite the International Rugby Board's rejection of a proposal for such a competition earlier this year.

France are rampant

From Chris Than Toulouss
The shadow of the Romanian side which defeated Wales in Bucharest three weeks ago was nailed by the rampant French by two goals, two tries, a dropped goal and a penalty goal to one goal and three penalties yesterday.

Zimbabwe entertain

By Michael Stevenson
Lancashire 20 Zimbabwe 12
After their narrow defeat by Cornwall and Devon, the Zimbabwe schools contributed some delightful rugby at Fylde yesterday.

Tukalo ready to take a place for Scotland

By Iain MacKenzie
The Scottish trial at Murrayfield on January 7, which may have been a little out of place as Scotland have a game against Ireland on Saturday...

Wales overrun the flatterers

Bourc-en-Bresse, France (AFP)
Wales 15 Scotland 12
Wales overran Scotland in a match that was a penalty try and a drop goal, and a converted try.

Bristol gave depleted Newport the run around

By Gerald Davies
Newport 15 Bristol 26
Despite Newport's much improved performance - and they are developing into an attacking team - there was no air of confidence around Rodney Parade before the game began on Saturday.

RACING: PUNISHING VICTORY FOR OBSERVE AT CHEPSTOW

Francombe left confused after fine for 'trying too hard'

By John Karter
Having been fined £75 for not riding Observo vigorously enough at Newbury in his previous outing, it seemed absurd that John Francombe should be fined the same amount by the Chepstow stewards for being too hard on the horse during his victory over Silver Buck in Saturday's Rehersal Chase.

That was certainly most observant of the stewards to point out that Francombe had looked even on closer inspection of the replay, no more excessive than the sort of finishes you see - and which go unpunished - every day of the week.

However, gut reaction is one thing, an objective look at the facts quite another. The stewards are there to be shot at and, as with the spate of rough riding offences and sometimes inconsistent punishments meted out during the past flat season, they often fail.

In Francombe's case, though, there was a lot more to the public eye. Francombe felt that having done everything but hit Observo with his whip at Newbury and still been fined for not riding enough to get second place was expected to hit the horse on Saturday.



Francombe and Observo safely over the last

As regards Saturday's race itself, what it appeared to confirm was that Silver Buck is not the horse he was some seasons ago (even Michael Dickinson was more or less prepared to go along with this assessment yesterday) and that Observo is the very good young chaser he appeared to be last season.

Winter himself says that Observo is only his third string, behind Fifty Dollars More and Brown Chamberlain (in that order) and while he may yet join the other two in the line-up for the King George VI Chase at Kempton Park on Boxing Day in an attempt to "out-Dickinson" Dickinson, Winter does not yet see him as a leading Gold Cup horse.

Mixed luck for Meade

The first running of the Black and White Whisky Handicap Hurdle at Fairyhouse on Saturday produced an extraordinary outcome. The stable companions Southern Music and Fane Ranger led the first two places, but the winner lost the race because he weighed in with the wrong weight.

Nottingham

Table of race results for Nottingham, including 12.30 Ruddington Hurdle, 2.30 Woodborough Chase, 3.00 Ruddington Hurdle, and 3.15 Plover Chase.

Newcastle

Table of race results for Newcastle, including 12.45 Warkworth Hurdle, 1.15 Wagtail Hurdle, 1.45 Swift Chase, and 3.15 Snipe Hurdle.

Saturday's results

Summary table of Saturday's racing results across various tracks including Chepstow and Newcastle.

REAL TENNIS

Australians overcome

Chris Ronaldson and Mick Dean won the British Open doubles championship, sponsored by George Impney, for the second time at Queen's Club on Saturday, when they defeated the impressive Australian partnership of Colin Lumsley and Lachlan Druce, 6-5, 3-6, 6-3, 6-5.

Nottingham selections

Selections for Nottingham races, listing horse names, jockeys, and odds.

Newcastle selections

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Trainers

Summary table of trainer statistics for various horses.

Jockeys

Summary table of jockey statistics for various horses.

EQUESTRIANISM

Fruhmann takes lead on Arizona

Thomas Fruhmann, from Austria, rode an inspired round on his 11-year-old horse, Arizona, in yesterday's World Cup Hilland qualifier at the Bordeaux International Show. He now heads the European League for the World Cup by a comfortable 11 points.

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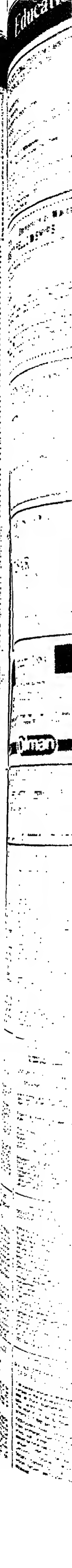
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Today's television and radio programmes

Edited by Peter Dear

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BBC 1
6.25 Good Morning Britain
presented by Anne Diamond and John Stapleton.

TV/LONDON
9.25 Thames News headlines. 9.30 Have You Seen This? A preview of some of the programmes with your four-to-seven year olds.



Patricia Hayes as Miss Bond-bonds: ITV 4.45pm

CHOICE
views of the ordinary Argentine conscript. Either through their cowardly and selfish superior, or equipped and untrained, they nevertheless would be willing to fight again - so long as they had the right equipment.

BBC 2
5.35 News summary with subtitles.
5.40 Eureka, Sarah Greene and Paul McDowell with another in the entertaining series examining the facts behind the invention of the microwave.

CHANNEL 4
5.00 Countdown. Another round of the anagrams and mental arithmetic competition.
5.30 The Dick Van Dyke Show. Vintage American comedy show about the unpredictable Petrie family.

Radio 4
5.00 News Briefing.
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Radio 2
5.00am Ray Moore's 7.30 Terry Wogan's 10.00 Jimmy Young's 12.00pm Music with You.

Radio 1
5.00am Simon Bates 7.00 Mica Red. 9.00 Adrian Baines 11.30 Mike Smith.

WORLD SERVICE
5.00am Newsweek 7.00 World News 7.09

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Large advertisement for 'Entertainments' featuring various theatre listings, cinema programmes, and art galleries across multiple columns.

Fears over Israeli aggression mount

Continued from page 1 not in strict keeping with Israel's security needs and gave warning that a war with Syria (which an increasing number of analysts believe is inevitable in the medium if not the short-term) could involve Israel in dangerous international complications.

In the face of this criticism, which followed Saturday's demonstration of 2,000 Israelis in Tel Aviv supporting conscientious objection in the Lebanon war, the Government took determined steps to deny the existence of any secret pact with the Reagan Administration or anything but the barest logistical coordination over the weekend air strikes, both of which were reported to have hit some Syrian targets.

Although a senior government official issued a categorical denial of all reports of a secret pact, he did not appear to rule out the possibility that an unwritten understanding had been reached in Washington to move more openly against the Syrian presence in Lebanon and against all manifestations of Soviet influence.

The Israeli Foreign Ministry is convinced that Syria has now lost the initiative in Lebanon, and that action should be taken appropriately. "During the Washington talks, both sides expressed their mutual concern about the tremendous strengthening of Syria by the Soviet Union," the official said with what some saw as well practised ambiguity. "We had exchanges of views on the matter."

Pressed to say what conclusion had been reached, he said agreement to use "political means" to bring about a withdrawal of Syrian and other foreign forces from Lebanon had been reached.

It was later confirmed by official sources that a high-ranking Pentagon delegation is due in Israel later this month to discuss the purchase of military equipment for the US Army, one of the immediate results of the Washington meeting. An even more thorough exchange of secret intelligence information between the Mossad the Israeli secret service, and the CIA is understood to be another.

The improved relationship with the US dominated the weekly Cabinet meeting which also included a classified discussion on Saturday's Israeli air strikes and the possibility of more aerial action in the coming days.

Golden prospects for a Highland holiday



Next spring, hoteliers in the Sutherland town of Helmsdale will be promoting a different outdoor holiday - panning for gold.

However, the gold field is one of Europe's finest salmon rivers, the River Helmsdale, a favourite spot of the Prince of Wales. So, the prospect of an annual gold rush is being greeted with some trepidation by the owners of the river's fishing rights.

About 200 permits are granted every year to pan the main gold-yielding stream, the Baile An Or, or "River of Gold", between April and September.

But anyone planning to join this latter-day "Klondikers" should not expect to strike it rich. Mr Hector MacPherson (above), proprietor of the Bridge Hotel, says.

"It would probably take you a week's steady work to pan enough gold for a ring, say about six grammes. People

have been panning here since the war, but they tend to be real enthusiasts, or geologists."

The latest drive is directed more at the amateur, with hoteliers encouraging prospectors to sleep in warm beds instead of under canvas, and a shopkeeper offering pans, picks and shovels for hire.

All concerned concede that with prospectors requiring to shift at least a ton of earth to pan two ounces of gold, worth £560, the drive will depend on novelty and the beauty of the Strath of Kildonan, rather than a gold fever, to sustain it.

Gold was discovered in the area in 1869. At one stage more than 500 prospectors worked the streams feeding the river and the Duke of Sutherland offered £10 to anyone finding the gold source.

But London businessman and member of the Helmsdale River Board, Mr Edward Reeves, who owns Baile An Or,

will offer no such encouragement.

Mr Reeves admits that not everyone who pans applies for his free permit and the present lax regime is likely to be tightened.

"People tend to do this just as a hobby. As long as it is controlled the panning won't be on a scale that could affect the river."

"However, I would be concerned about litter. And it must also be pointed out that panning is not as easy as some might think. It is hard work and many are disgruntled that they have been oversold the idea."

A River Board spokesman, which represents all the owners, was reluctant to discuss the project. However, he predicted "concern" if prospectors were to start spreading out from existing haunts into major spawning streams. (Photographs: Tom Kidd).

Letter from Warsaw

Making a living out of the dead

The boxes arrive in the luggage compartment along with the bulging zip-up valises, the leather and plastic bags too broad or too long to fit underneath an aircraft seat. As soon as the passengers have disembarked and are safely out of view, the men from Bongo edge the boxes out of the hold, shrouded in discreet linen sackings, they are heavier than they look, bulky with the cumulative ballast of tin armour and wooden casing, not forgetting, of course, the body inside.

To English ears, the name Bongo suggests a comic strip character or the echoes of distant jungle drums, but it is in fact an acronym for the Bureau for the Preservation of Foreign Graves, one of the oddest and most successful enterprises in the complex undergrowth of East-West trade. This is not mean distinction, because the commerce that criss-crosses divided Europe often seems to seek out the bizarre.

Squid trawled by Polish fishermen in the waters of the Falklands is bartered for Japanese automobiles. Czech machine-guns disappear in the direction of the Third World and suddenly oranges appear in Bratislava shops.

East German political prisoners are bought free in three or four-cornered deals. Yet even in this business of nudges and winks, the activities of Bongo come as a surprise. Put crudely, this Warsaw-based organization is making a living out of the dead.

Bongo ships between 500 and 100 bodies a year across the East-West divide, and it does so in a way that makes it a model of how economic reform should function in Poland. Its telex machines clatter constantly, its multi-national team cuts through the bureaucratic clutter that normally distinguishes economic life in Eastern Europe, and the limited time available between demise and burial in the Bongo office has a sense of urgency that would not be out of place in the Hongkong Stock Exchange.

emigration waves that followed some of the country postwar crises - 1956, 1961, 1970, 1980. But though the Poles sometimes left in a haphazard manner, they still felt strongly attached to their motherland. Increasingly, they stipulate in their wills that their bodies should be returned to Poland. At this point, Bongo springs into action. As soon as the Polish consulate has been informed of the death of Polish citizen, it informs the Foreign Ministry in Warsaw which passes a copy of its message to Bongo. Depending on the country, the men from Bongo immediately negotiate a deal with local undertakers to arrange freight space on Polish LOT airliner, organize a plot in a Polish cemetery, contact the church.

Everything had to be done with speed, but with the discretion of undertakers, tin coffin has to be found to comply with international norms - and then inserted in a wooden casing. The body rushed to the airport, where has to be put into the luggage hold at least an hour before the passengers go on board in order not to upset the faint hearted.

American sanctions against Poland have forced the representatives of Bongo to transport, by hook or crook, the bodies of Polish Americans across the front to Montreal, where a regular flight to Warsaw still exists. But on the whole, Bongo, one of the few hard-current earning state enterprises in Poland that does not blame US sanctions for its problems, is booming.

Bongo makes a 20 per cent to 30 per cent profit margin on each body transported across the Iron Curtain, though it waives the charge if the estate poor. Basic costs are high - Italy, for example, it costs £1,700 in hard currency simply to pay a local undertaker to wash the body and transport it to the airport.

But as long as it uses Polish airlines, Bongo can pay for its most expensive part of its journey in zlotys. Bongo representatives say they are not making excessive profits, but even so it is evidently one of the healthiest concerns in the near-nominal export sector of the Polish economy.

Roger Boyl

THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

Today's events

Royal engagements: The Prince of Wales, Patron, The English Chamber Orchestra, accompanied by The Princess of Wales, attends a Concert given by Mr Mstislav Rostropovich and the English Chamber Orchestra in the State Apartments, Kensington Palace, 7.30.

(until Dec 29) and Kealey and Artificer - approaches to Modern Art II (until Dec 30): both at Maclaurin Art Gallery, Rozelle Park, Ayr: Mon to Sat 11 to 5; closed Sun.

Christmas exhibition of paintings, drawings, prints and ceramics, Festival Gallery, Pierpoint Place, Bath, Tue to Sat 11 to 5; closed Sun and Mon (until Dec 23).

Exhibition of alternative technology, Dorset County Museum, High Street West, Dorchester; Mon to Sat 10 to 5; Sat 10 to 1 and 2 to 5; closed Sun (until Jan 28).

Ben Nicholson: the years of experiment 1919-1939; City Museum and Art Gallery, Drake Circus, Plymouth; Mon to Sat 10 to 6, closed Sunday, (until Jan 8).

New London exhibitions: Dazzle: works by 16 of Britain's leading jewelers; Miss Cinders: an exhibition from the David Drummond Pantomime Collection; Where the Wild Things Were: material relating to Glydebourne's visiting production; at the National Theatre, Southbank, SE1; Mon to Sat 10 to 11, closed Sun (until Jan 21).

Talks, lectures: Choirs of Angels, by S. M. Brock, Royal Scottish Museum, Chambers Street, Edinburgh, 2.

Music: Gala Charity Christmas Concert, The Free Trade Hall, Manchester, 9.30 to 11.12 to 1.30, and 2.15 to 3.45.

Christadelphian Choral society presents Handel's Messiah, Birmingham and Midland Institute, Margaret Street, Birmingham, 6.30.

Concert by the New London Consort, Luton Library Theatre, Luton, 7.55.

Concert by BBC Welsh Symphony Orchestra, St David's Hall, Cardiff, 7.30.

Births: Martin van Buren, eighth president of the United States, 1837-41, Kinderhook, New York, 1782; Christina Rossetti, London, 1830; Josef Pilsanek, soldier and statesman, Zulow, Poland, 1867; Walt Disney, Chicago, 1901.

Deaths: Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, Vienna, 1791; Alexandre Dumas (Dumas Pere), Paris, France, 1870; Claude Monet, Giverny, France, 1926; Vachel Lindsay, poet, Springfield, Illinois, 1931.

National Day: Thailand celebrates its National Day today, the birthday of the country's monarch King Bhumibol Adulyadej, who will be 56. His reign of 31 years - beginning some years after the country had become a constitutional monarchy in 1932 - has witnessed four military coups, three periods of martial law and five attempts to introduce a new constitution. The latest constitution, dating back to 1978, provides for an elected House of Representatives and a Senate chosen by the King on the recommendation of the Prime Minister.

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The Solution of Saturday's Prize Puzzle No. 16,300 will appear next Saturday

The Times Crossword Puzzle No. 16,301

Grid for crossword puzzle No. 16,301 with numbers 1-29.

- ACROSS: 1 Ruth, with 13, is so arrogant (6). 4 He produces order with piano in score, perhaps (8). 10 To wit, search it packs together (9). 11 4's last letter in catalogue (5). 12 No recall for men manoeuvring in East (7). 13 Street in classy area for one just arrived (7). 14 Left old ship in slow and stately fashion (5). 15 Indulgence shown by doctor in royal assembly (8). 18 Egyptian ruler makes girl take boy (8). 20 Title for Roman females only (5). 23 Aid for ruler from leader of the second power (1-6). 25 Chekhov's relations in crowd on stage? (7). 26 In one move, try to keep up with him (15). 27 Keen doctor bound to include task (19). 28 One gluing amongst many at the dining-table (8). 29 Channel crossing - the Italian's first in London (6).
- DOWN: 1 Capital withdrawn from English town's firm? No (8). 2 Businessman who helps to negotiate contracts (7).

COMPUTER COMPETITION: WEEK TWELVE DAY 1

Nature notes

The main autumn migrations are over, and birds have little to do except eat. But with the days so short, they have to look for food almost continuously. A cold night will use all their reserves of fat. Canada geese go foraging in large flocks from lake to lake when they need to feed in the water, the white feathers under their tails rise into the air like broad sails. Herons appear at garden ponds: they wade up to their thighs in search of fish, or stalk along the muddy edge and dive headlong when they see their prey. On the coast, wintering greenschank walk in the shallow water and kick the sand at their feet to bring food to the surface. Among the dead leaves, blackbirds clear neat circles of bare earth where they can sit at insects and worms.

Weeping willows are the grecoest trees left. Brambles still have many purple leaves on them; hickory is brown and broken. But next year's buds are already conspicuous on many trees. On horse-chestnuts, the buds are dark and sticky; aspen buds are plump and pink on beeches, the sharp buds show through the clinging orange leaves. DJM

Bond winners

Winning numbers in the weekly draw for £100,000, £50,000 and £25,000 prizes, announced on Saturday were: £100,000: 7V7 961886 (winner comes from Birmingham); £50,000: 7L5 109675 (Gloucestershire); £25,000: 14Y2 649948 (Bedfordshire).

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Rating and Valuation (Amendment) Scotland Bill, second reading. Lords (2.30): Equal Pay (Amendment) Regulations, Matrimonial and Family Proceedings Bill, committee, first day.

The pound

Table with columns: Country, Bank, Buy, Sell, Exchange rate.

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Roads

Midlands: A34: Roadworks south of Shipston-on-Strour at Tidmington, Warwickshire; delays. A45: Roadworks on Coventry to Daventry road at Fosse Crossing, Warwickshire. A29: Roadworks on Wellesbourne to Slow road at Hatford, Warwickshire.

Wales and West: M5: Resurfacing work on both carriageways between Junctions 26 (Wellington) and 27 (Linton), 16 (Avonmouth) and 19 (Clifton) M4: Lane closures at junction 32 (Cardiff) and junction 34 (Llantrisant); delays.

North: A1: Section of River Coquet Bridge closed on Felton by-pass, Northumberland; northbound only one lane open, temporary traffic signals. A1: Resurfacing between Fairburn and Mickfield, West Yorkshire; two-way traffic on one carriageway. A41: Temporary lane closures at junction with Salterhill, Newport, Shropshire; severe congestion expected.

Scotland: A737: New sewer being laid main road, Elderslie, Jane closure, delays likely at peak periods. A92: Gas and water main being installed on Central Esplanade, Kirkcaldy; single lane delays at peak periods. A95: Land slip 1/2 mile east of Craigellachie; single lane traffic with lights. Information supplied by the AA.

The papers

The prospect of the arms race escalating in space prompted editorial comment in two New York newspapers yesterday. The New York Times criticises a "dangerous, expensive and futile new competition". The "Star wars" plan by President Reagan, who, the paper commented, had "been struck like lightning by the dream of mastering space".

The paper concluded: "the way to stop this madness is to join the Russians in so effective agreement to keep all weapons out of space. Congress should not pay for any automatic research until such a proposal appears at the top of the President's diplomatic agenda."

The Daily News, reflecting that proposals for a permanent space station would be expensive, declared: "The time has come to think seriously about international cooperation in the further exploration of space. Why not team up with the Soviets?"

"There can be no question that Soviet-American cooperation in building a space station would make perfect economic and technical sense. It would keep the cold war out of space and it should improve relations between the two countries, which are now frozen in a new cold war."

The Sunday Telegraph welcomed the return of Lord Whitelaw to office with the new job of improving presentation of government policy. "Whitelaw is back - not a cry which will set the adrenalin racing in Whitehall," it commented. But some outside the corridors of power may resist easier.

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Weather

A trough of low pressure over N Wales and N England will move S while weakening, as a ridge of high pressure builds across the British Isles.

6am to midnight

London, SE, central S England, East Anglia, Midlands: Sunny periods; dry; wind SW, light; max temp 8 to 10C (46 to 50F). Channel Islands, SW England, S Wales: Sunny periods; dry; wind SW, light; max temp 11 to 13C (52 to 55F). E, NE, NW, central N England, N Wales, Lake District, Lake of Innes: Cloudy, a little rain in places, a few sunny intervals; wind SW, veering NW, moderate or fresh, becoming light and variable later; max temp 8 to 9C (46 to 48F).

Borders, Edinburgh, Dundee: Sunny intervals, mainly dry; wind NW, fresh, moderating later and becoming light and variable; max temp 7 to 8C (45 to 46F). Aberdeen, Moray Firth, NE Scotland, Orkney, Shetland: Sunny intervals; showers, warty on hills; wind NW, strong, locally fresh, moderating later; max temp 5 to 6C (41 to 43F). SW, NW Scotland, Glasgow, central Highlands, Argyll, Northern Ireland: Sunny intervals; scattered showers drying out later; wind NW, fresh or strong moderating later, becoming light and variable; max temp 6 to 7C (43 to 54F).

Outlook for tomorrow and Wednesday: SW, with sunny intervals and occasional fog patches, but cloud and rain spreading to Northern Ireland and Scotland later, becoming mild generally. Sea passages North Sea: Wind SW, moderate or fresh; sea, slight or moderate. Straits of Dover, English Channel (E): Wind S to SW, light or moderate; sea, smooth or slight. St George's Channel: Wind variable, light; smooth. Irish Sea: Wind NW, light or moderate; sea smooth or slight.

Moon rises: 7.49am Sun sets: 3.53pm Moon sets: 8.51am 4.31pm First Quarter: December 12.

Lighting-up time

London 4.29 pm to 7.20 am Bristol 4.59 pm to 7.59 am Edinburgh 4.11 pm to 7.56 am Manchester 4.22 pm to 7.28 am Newcastle 4.51 pm to 7.53 am

Yesterday

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Weather

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6am to midnight

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Outlook for tomorrow and Wednesday: SW, with sunny intervals and occasional fog patches, but cloud and rain spreading to Northern Ireland and Scotland later, becoming mild generally. Sea passages North Sea: Wind SW, moderate or fresh; sea, slight or moderate. Straits of Dover, English Channel (E): Wind S to SW, light or moderate; sea, smooth or slight. St George's Channel: Wind variable, light; smooth. Irish Sea: Wind NW, light or moderate; sea smooth or slight.

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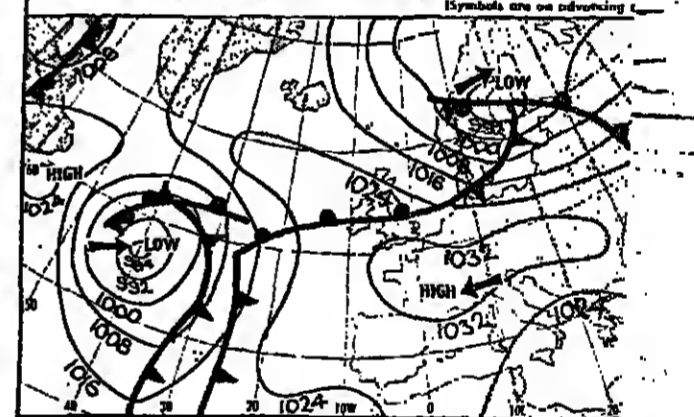
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High tides

Table with columns: Location, Tide measurement in metres, Today, Tomorrow.

Around Britain

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